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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Degentesh et al.)	Art Unit: 3767
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Serial No.: 10/718,260)	Confirmation No. 8140
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Filed: 11/20/2003)	Examiner: Corrigan, Jaime W.
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Title: MEDICAL CONTAINER LOADING)		
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USE)		Customer No. 21140
WITH FLUID CONTAINERS,)		
SYRINGES AND MEDICAL)		
INJECTORS)		

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Election Requirement mailed on May 30, 2006.

I. Election Requirement

The Election Requirement required election of a single species from one of the following thirteen (13) species: The species of Figure 1, The species of Figure 2, The species of Figures 3A-3E, The species of Figures 4A-4B, The species of Figures 4C-4E, The species of Figures 5A-5F, The species of Figure 5G, The species of Figures 5H, The species of Figure 5I, The species of Figures 6A-6B, The species of Figures 7A-7C, The species of Figures 8-19, The species of Figures 20-26. The Election Requirement stated that the species are independent or distinct because they are not obvious variants and have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect.

In response to the Election Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the Species of Figures 8 – 19 for prosecution on the merits in this application with traverse. Applicants submit that the species are not properly defined in all respects and that the claimed invention could be searched without undue burden on the Examiner.

II. Claims Readable on Elected Species of Figures 8-19

Applicants submit that the following pending claims are readable on the species of Figures 8-19: Claims 1-72.

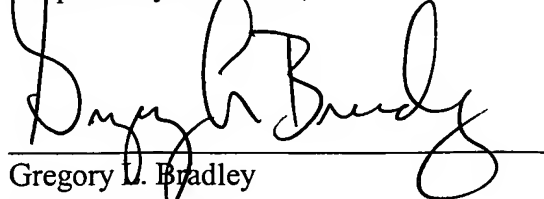
III. Current Generic Claims

Applicants submit that at least the following pending claims are generic to all of the species of the claimed invention: Claims 1 and 62.

If there are any outstanding issues that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (412) 767-2400.

Dated: June 6, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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